

Title: [DRAFT] LS on introduction and adoption of A5/3
Response to: Contact person
Release:
Work Item:

Source: 3GPP SA3
To: Manufacturers for Comment, GSM Association Security Group
Cc: SA, SA1, ETSI SAGE

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Attachments: None

1. Overall Description:

3GPP and SA3 have recently introduced a new A5 algorithm called A5/3 to support GSM, EDGE, GPRS and HSCSD. This has been announced by a press release, and formal open publication for evaluation on the Internet is expected after export licence approvals.

The Groups would like to know from manufacturers of handsets and infrastructure the expected time scales for the inclusion of the A5/3 algorithm. Operators for procurement purposes require this, and so that advice may be given to customers.

We would hope that equipment would be available from the end of 2003.

2. Actions:

TO: Manufacturers of GSM mobiles and infrastructures equipment (which will contain A5/3).

ACTION:

Manufacturers should inform the contact person briefly:

- When they expect infrastructure to be available,
- When they expect mobiles to be available.

Where possible, it would be helpful to include guidance as to what types of equipment (such as handsets including 3G or GSM only, or GPRS or legacy GSM systems etc) will be supported and when.

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3. Date of Next TSG-SA3 Meetings:

The planned meetings are as follows:

Meeting	Date	Location	Host
S3#25	8 - 11 October 2002	Munich, Germany	Siemens
S3#26	19 - 22 November 2002	TO BE CONFIRMED	Host Required